Craig:	
I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? Peggy	
"Donsanto, Craig" <craig.donsanto@usdoj.gov></craig.donsanto@usdoj.gov>	
05/16/2006 12:06 PM	
	Topsims@eac.gov cc
	SubjectRE: Your Materials
Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.	
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]	
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  To: Donsanto, Craig  Subject: Re: Your Materials	

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution

at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" < Craig. Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov cc SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

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I have only one correction:

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---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

# Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

- To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman
- cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A.

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

## Dear Commissioners:

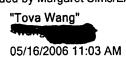
Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----





To psims@eac.gov, serebro

CC

Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM
To: wand serebrov

Subject: Fw: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

05/19/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig < Craig. Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

## Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

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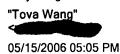
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---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----





To psims@eac.gov

CC

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM

To: wang

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

## Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

wang

05/12/2006 09:48 PM

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA? ---- Original Message ----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wan

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures

is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

psims@eac.gov,
serebrov cc

Subject

RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act" ----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov] Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

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Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

# Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy ---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" ■

CC

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang



"Tova Wang" 05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

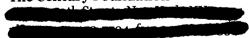
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Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang Democracy Fellow

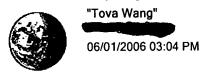
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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Travel Reimbursement

I did not realize that I had to itemize the per diem, so yes, that was an oversight. There was a \$5 service charge. I will forward you the documentation on that. Thanks so much. Tova

----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2006 1:50 PM

To: wang

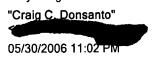
Subject: Travel Reimbursement

## Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip (\$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM ----





To "peggy sims" <psims@eac.gov>

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Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

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--- "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Date: Tue, 30 May 2006 19:57:36 -0700 (PDT)

> From: "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com>

> Subject: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail

> address

> To: "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"

> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov>

> Mike - -

> As we say back where I come from: this article is

> "wicked pissah"!

> The woman mentioned in this piece towards the end
> has
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> been contracted with the Election Assistance
> Commission to do a study of electoral fraud in the
> She is my problem, and she doesn't have a clue --
> despite the fact that she has had the rare
> opportunity
> to interview me and get stats from me and my
> colleagues on our electoral fraud cases.
> You should be most proud of this article as it
> accurately captures the soul of what you and I are
> trying to do in this very important area of federal
> law enforcement.
> And greetings from Hilton Head, South Carolina - -
> --- "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov> wrote:
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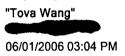
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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject FW: Expedia travel confirmation - Washington, DC - May 17, 2006 - (Itin# 116272039590)

----Original Message-----

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 4:55 PM

To: wang

Subject: Expedia travel confirmation - Washington, DC - May 17, 2006 - (Itin# 116272039590)

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"Job Serebrov" 05/31/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Working Group Notes

# Peggy:

I will not be home from Las Vegas until Saturday. I was given an offer for a career clerking position with a federal judge and accepted. I will be relocating in December.

Job

# psims@eac.gov wrote:

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"Tova Wang" <05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov cc Subject notes

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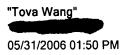
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To psims@eac.gov

cc serebrov

Subject RE: Working Group Notes

Peg, I'm sorry, but this is really not helpful. Its another outline. I guess we have to wait for the transcript. I wish now I had taken notes myself! Thanks anyway. Tova

----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 12:31 PM

To: wand

Cc: serebro

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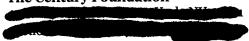
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06/01/2006 02:50 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

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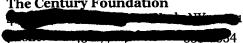
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06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov cc "Job Serebrov" Subject



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#### Tova

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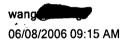
To wang

Subject Re: 🖺

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org





To psims@eac.gov
cc "Job Serebrov"
Subject

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV 06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig United States Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005

202.566.2377 phone 202.566.3128 fax www.eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov

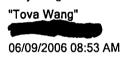
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Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM ----





To psims@eac.gov

CC

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

----Original Message----From: Job Serebrov

Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM To: psims@eac.gov; wang

Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

# Peggy:

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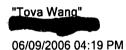
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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: travel

I'll fax it to you if that works. The total is \$124.44. Thank you. Have a nice weekend. Tova

----Original Message-----

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Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 3:03 PM

To: wang Subject: Re: travel

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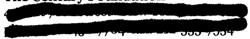
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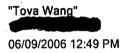


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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

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Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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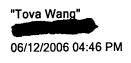
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:01 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

I will call the transcript company and ask them about it.

Devon Romig
United States Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
202.566.2377 phone
202.566.3128 fax
www.eac.gov
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV 06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov

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Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 01:02 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Travel Reimbursement for Job Sebrebrov

Peggy,

Regarding his travel for the EAC's May 18 meeting, I would concur with you that we should reimburse Mr. Serebrov in the amount of \$1200.03 for travel related expenses (hotel/mileage/per diem). Since there is a \$577.95 dollar difference in cost (travel via air vs travel via POV), I believe the \$1200.03 is more economically advantageous to the Agency. Attached is your drafted memo.



JobSerebrov\$1200.03reimbursement.pdf

Diana M. Scott Administrative Officer U.S. Election Assistance Commission (202) 566-3100 (office) (202) 566-3127 (fax) dscott@eac.gov

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To "Tova Wang"

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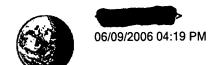
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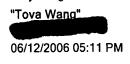
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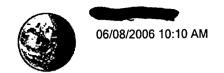
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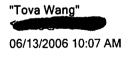
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To "Job Serebrov" , psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Transcripts, Etc.

I can't do that time, I'll be at an event in DC.

----Original Message----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 8:10 AM

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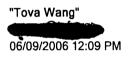
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If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

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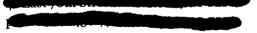
Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6. <a href="http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450">http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450</a> Highlights - <a href="http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf">http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf</a>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV 06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson Staff Assistant US Election Assistance Commission 202-566-3100 (office) 202-566-3128 (fax)

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06/09/2006 04:50 PM

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Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

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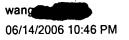
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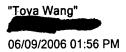
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To psims@eac.gov

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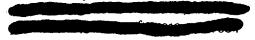
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang Democracy Fellow

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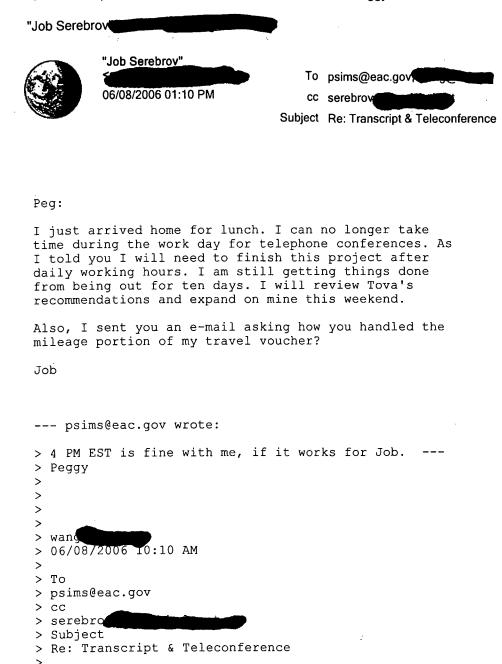
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To "Job Serebrov"

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy



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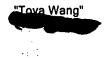
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> >> Hi, Whats going on? I have not received
> responses from either one of
> >> in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next
> two weeks if we can.
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> >> you get my recommendations? Thanks.
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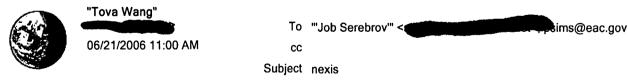


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From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM
To: Tova Wang
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference
Normally I am not home for lunch.
--- Tova Wang
                             wrote:
> What about during a lunch hour?
> ----Original Message----
> From: Job Serebrov
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM
> To: psims@eac.gov; wang
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference
>
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> Peggy:
> I can't predict when I get home but it is between
> and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late
> have a teleconference.
> I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend
> and work on my own as well as expanding the
> explanation of the case section.
> Please see what your financial officer did with
> regards to my travel.
> Thank you,
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> > serebrov
> > Subject
> > Re: Transcript & Teleconference
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> > Peg:
> > I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer
> > time during the work day for telephone
> conferences.
> > As
> > I told you I will need to finish this project
> > daily working hours. I am still getting things
> done
> > from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's
> recommendations and
> > expand on mine this weekend.
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> > Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled
> > mileage portion of my travel voucher?
> >
> > Job
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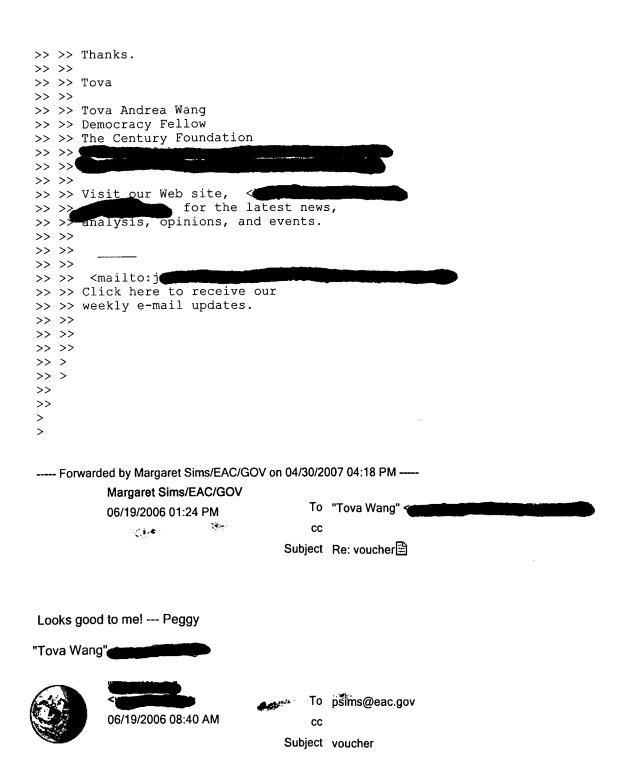
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To "Job Serebrov" sims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: teleconference

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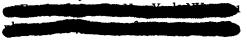


Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV 06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc serebrov

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Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig
United States Election Assistance Commission
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Washington, DC 20005
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202.566.3128 fax
www.eac.gov

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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"
06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

### Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

CC

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To bwhitener@eac.gov

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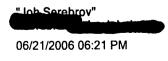
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If you can't find them this way, please call me: 202-514-1421.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang"







It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

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wang 06/22/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly? ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:19 PM

To wang

Subject Re: teleconference

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy



To "Job Serebrov"



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#### Subject Re: teleconference

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To Diana Scott

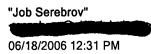
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Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject pay/travel

#### Peggy:

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Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

#### Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

Subject Re: pay/travel

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"





"Job Serebrov" 06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov

06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC – she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

#### Nancy

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott Administrative Officer U.S. Election Assistance Commission (202) 566-3100 (office) (202) 566-3127 (fax) dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message -----

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#### Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:30 PM

To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

CC Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: The 7th Edition!

I have a copy of Donsanto's IFES paper, if you need it. We used it as one of the resources for the vote fraud-voter intimidation research. --- Peggy

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# Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

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Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

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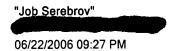
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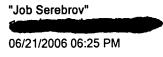


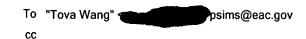
# RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

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Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

wrote: --- Tova Wang

- > Hi Peg and Job,
- > I don't know how we might be able to use these but
- > here, finally, are the

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> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we
> include them? Thanks.
> Tova
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                                     To "Job Serebrov"
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Sent: 06/21/2006 06:25 PM
To: "Tova Wang"
                              ; psims@eac.gov
Subject: Re: nexis
I have no objection to amending the official
findings/CD to add these.
--- Tova Wang <
                            > wrote:
> Hi Peg and Job,
> I don't know how we might be able to use these but
> here, finally, are the
> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we
> include them? Thanks.
> Tova
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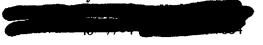
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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang Democracy Fellow The Century Foundation

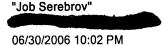


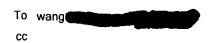
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Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

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> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this
> is to allow Donsanto
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so
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> that would be included in the report and in the
> record.
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> From: <wan
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"
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> Cc: "Tova Wang"
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report ■

Here it is. --- Peg



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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

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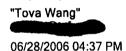
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Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

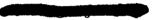
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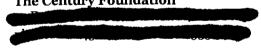
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To Job Serebrov

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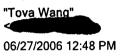
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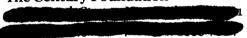
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

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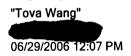
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Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

----Original Message----

From: Job Serebrov Marreon Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov Subject: Re: methodology

#### Agreed

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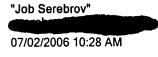
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Subject Please Change This

#### Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates, that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

#### Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

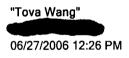
Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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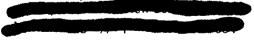
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--- wang

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# Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To "Tova Wang" cc "Job Serebrov" <

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy

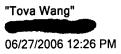


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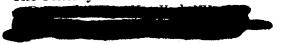
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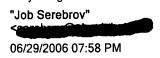
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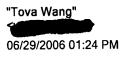
So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

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To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

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Tova

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov] Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM

To: wang

Cc: twilkey@eac.gov

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In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov"

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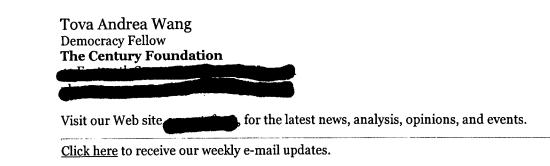
Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.



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I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

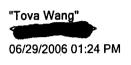
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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

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I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang"

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov"

Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

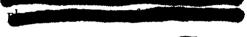
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

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Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. --- Peggy

Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 06:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

v"

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Subject Re: Various

July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [

Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM To: psims@eac.gov; wang

Subject: Various

### Peg:

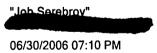
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Job

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To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

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Subject Re: Various

#### Peq:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

# Job --- psims@eac.gov wrote: > Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I > did attend, but I agree the issue is taking up too > much of your time. I just wanted you to be forwarned > that the paragraph has already raised red flags in > DC of and is likely to result in an edit. Enough > said about that. > I am concerned about the number of hours left for > this project. If you and Tova both agree, I'll see > if our Contracting Officer will approve a contract > mod to provide for some additional hours and money > to incorporate comments received on the report and > other efforts that fall within the tasks specified > in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but > there might be a little year end money we can use to > finish this off properly. > Pea > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld > ---- Original Message ----> From: "Job Serebrov" > Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM > To: psims@eac.gov; wang > Subject: Various > Peq: > I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some > issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel > reimbursement? > I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both > agree about what we heard during the interview. We > also agree that this is taking up too much time (of > which we have so little left) and is a minor part of > one interview which makes up one of thirty > interviews. > I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in > the interview and thus do not know what was said and > we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity, > especially given how long ago the interviews were, > object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us > another sixty hours each we can call all of our > interviewees, give them the review and ask for

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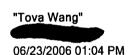
06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" cc dromig@eac.gov, serebrov

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"



To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

cc serebro

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

----Original Message-----

From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

To: psims@eac.gov

Cc: serebrov t; wang

Subject: Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

**Devon Romig United States Election Assistance Commission** 1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005 202.566.2377 phone 202.566.3128 fax www.eac.gov

"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc jwilson@eac.gov
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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"Job Serebrov" 06/27/2006 10:07 PM

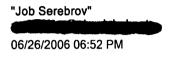


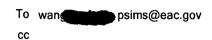
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Subject Methodology for Cases



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

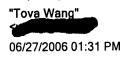
- 1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud? I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.
- 2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?

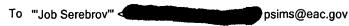
First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.) The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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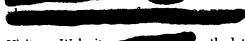
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Subject definition

Is this OK now?

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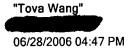
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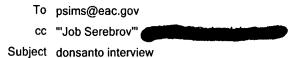


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Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims Election Research Specialist U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV 06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

CC

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

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Jeannie Layson U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave., NW Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202-566-3100 www.eac.gov



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## Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang"

Subject Re: invoice

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy

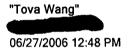


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To psims@eac.gov

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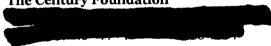
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang Democracy Fellow

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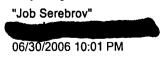
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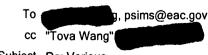
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/29/2006 01:00 PM

To "Tova Wang" < GSAEXTERNAL, Job Serebrov

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Re: donsanto interview

#### Tova and Job:

All I can do is advise you that I don't think this paragraph will pass by the Commission, as written, because readers can misinterpret what is being reported and use something published by EAC against DOJ. I suspect that both of you are aware of legal action being taken by an advocacy group against DOJ alleging that the agency is acting in a manner that fails to protect, and even discourages, the voter participation of minorities and disadvantaged individuals. Though I do not intend to address the merits of that action, which focuses on the efforts of more than one DOJ office, I am concerned that some readers would use the sentence that begins with "This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression ..." as evidence that DOJ's Election Crimes Branch has completely changed course to focus on aggressively pursuing individuals who vote when ineligible, many of whom are minorities.

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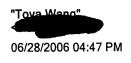
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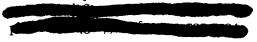
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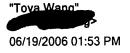


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voter registration fraud nexischartF0RMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----





To psims@eac.gov

CC

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM

To: wang Subject: Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"



06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

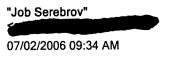
Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang Democracy Fellow The Century Foundation



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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Funds

#### Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

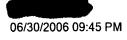
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Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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To "Job Serebrov"

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

---- Original Message -----

From:
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"

Cc: "Tova Wang"

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very

> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,

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> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.
> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.
> Tova
> ---- Original Message -----
> From: <psims@eac.gov>
> To: "Job Serebrov" <
> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang"
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM
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>> From: "Job Serebrov"
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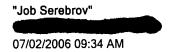
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Subject Fw: Travel Funds

Can you please find out where GSA is with this reimbursement? Thanks. --- Peggy

---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 11:12 AM ----





To psims@eac.gov

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

CC

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

I am assuming you are referring to the 6/9/06 payment in the amount of \$1,200.03. I checked with Finance and the payout date is today.

Bola Olu
Financial Administrative Specialist
United States Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue N.W., Suite - 1100
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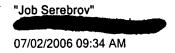
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Subject Fw: Travel Funds

Can you please find out where GSA is with this reimbursement? Thanks. --- Peggy

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Funds

## Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

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Subject Payments for Personal Services

Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy

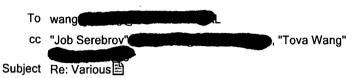


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Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy



06/30/2006 09:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc "Tova Wang"

Subject Re: Various

That would be great on the contract.

If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue, and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

#### Tova

---- Original Message ----

From: <psims@eac.gov>
To: "Job Serebrov" ◀

Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

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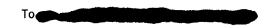
Subject: Re: Various

- > Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I
- > agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to
- > be forwarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and
- > is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

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> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you and
> Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a
> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to incorporate
> comments received on the report and other efforts that fall within the
> tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but there
> might be a little year end money we can use to finish this off properly.
> Peg
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
> ---- Original Message ----
> From: "Job Serebrov"
> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM
> To: psims@eac.gov;
> Subject: Various
> Peg:
> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some
> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel
> reimbursement?
> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both
> agree about what we heard during the interview. We
> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of
> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of
> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.
> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on
> the interview and thus do not know what was said and
> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,
> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to
> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us
> another sixty hours each we can call all of our
> interviewees, give them the review and ask for
> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from
> other interviews with, or lectures by person
> interviewed, outside of our interview with that
> person. We simply can't afford to single out one
> statement in one interview that there is a
> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph
> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph
> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ
> electoral investigations.
> Job
>
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# cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



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"Job Serebrov" 07/06/2006 08:25 AM

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Subject Travel Funds

# Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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"Tova Wang" 07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

I think I've already gone over my hours. Let me know when I submit my invoice. If I have, I'll just reduce them on paper. Thanks.

----Original Message----

To: wan

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM

Subject: RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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"Tova Wang"

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

----Original Message----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM

To: wang serebro

Cc: twilkey@eac.gov

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# Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV 07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang"

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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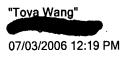


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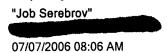
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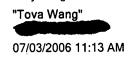
Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc serebrov

Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

---- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang

Cc: serebro

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM Subject: Re: FW: methodology

The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

----Original Message----

From: Job Serebrov

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov Subject: Re: methodology

### Agreed

--- Tova Wang wrote:

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> As you may recall, the working group expressed
> interest in the risk analysis
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on
> voting machines employs
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the
> attached, it provides a
> potential model. I think it might be worth
> including this as an appendix or
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me
> know what you think.
> Tova
> Tova Andrea Wang
> Democracy Fellow
> The Century Foundation
> Visit our Web site,
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